Robredo accuses Horn of lying again



PRO-GMA RALLY Their poster says it all, in the Kapampangan tongue (Get your strength back. We love you). Supporters of former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo gather in front of St. Luke's Medical Center in Taguig City. ARNOLD ALMACEN

By DJ Yap

THE SPOKESPERSON of Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo was lying when she told reporters that the former President had not been made aware of the plan to airlift her to Veterans Memorial Medical Center (VMMC) in Quezon City, Interior Secretary Jesse Robredo said yesterday.

"Horn lied again!" Robredo said in a text message to reporters. He was referring to Elena Bautista-Horn, who said earlier in the day that there was never any mention of air transport in three meetings between the Philippine National Police and Arroyo's camp, and that it came as a surprise when the PNP insisted on moving the now Pampanga representative from St. Luke's Medical Center in Taguig City to the government hospital by helicopter.

Horn had also said that Arroyo was ready to leave as early as 6 a.m., and that she was being unduly stressed by the waiting.

But Robredo cited a text message sent to him by Chief Supt. Miguel Laurel, the deputy regional director for administration

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Arroyo now in gov't hospital

VMMC placed under tight security



'LITTLE GIRL' Anti-Arroyo protesters display a tarpaulin with a photo montage of former President Arroyo behind bars as they march toward Veterans Memorial and Medical Center in Quezon City on Friday.

By Miko Morelos and Nancy C. Carvajal

SMILING but silent was how Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo was described when she stepped inside the presidential suite of Veterans Memorial Medical Center (VMMC) in Quezon City at around 4:10 p.m. yesterday.

"She was smiling but she did not say a word when she entered the room and looked around," Dr. Nona Legaspi, the VMMC director, told the Inquirer by telephone. Legaspi said Arroyo, who is under arrest for alleged electoral sabotage, was accompanied by her husband and sons to the suite.

Doctors from the Philippine National Police, and not Arroyo's private doctors, turned over her medical records to VMMC doctors, Legaspi said. She said that apart from the hospital management and PNP officials, Quezon City Mayor Herbert Bautista was there to meet the former President and now Pampanga representative.

Arroyo alighted from the white coaster that took her from

ARROYO A4

RAINY TRANSFER Former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo is seated on a wheelchair (lower right, under blue umbrella) and is shielded from the rain by aides and her Presidential Security Group detail upon arrival at Veterans Memorial Medical Center in Quezon City on Friday. With her in the white coaster is her husband Mike Arroyo (top of photo). LYN RILLON

Mike A volunteers to stay at Veterans, too

By Miko Morelos and Julie Aurelio

NOT THAT he wants to be jailed, but if it will be in a presidential suite and next to a golf course, why not?

Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo is determined to accompany his wife, former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, in detention, along with at least four assistants, including a nurse, according to family spokespersons.

He will be by her side while she is in detention at Veterans Memorial Medical Center (VMMC), Elena Bautista-Horn said.

"No, it's not like he's also under arrest," Horn said when asked whether Mike Arroyo was also under government custody.

Mike Arroyo's lawyer, Ferdinand Topacio, said his client had "volunteered" to be with the former President. He said staying in the detention facility

MIKE A4

Expect more rains, says Pagasa

By TJ Burgonio

YESTERDAY'S driving rain in Metro Manila and parts of Luzon and the Visayas is a good measure of the weather outlook this weekend: More of the same.

"Expect more rain during the weekend," said Aldczar Aurelio, forecaster of the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa).

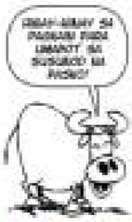
"The weather will be better on Monday," Aurelio said. But it was too early to say whether rainy weather would persist throughout the month of December, he said.

Moderate-to-heavy rains lashed Metro Manila, Central and Southern Luzon, and parts of the Visayas yesterday, triggering pockets of flooding and causing traffic jams in urban areas.

Disaster officials confirmed two deaths from drowning in two towns in Camarines Sur province in the Bicol region which has been experiencing rains since Monday.

According to Aurelio, the heavy rainfall is being spawned

EXPECT A4



How to avoid heart attacks this Christmas

By Jocelyn R. Uy

AVOID the Christmas rush, prepare more salads and fruits for noche buena and resist the temptation of returning to the buffet table for seconds.

Concerned over the prevalence of heart attack cases during the holiday season, the Department of Health has issued a raft of tips to make Christmas and New Year celebrations among Filipinos safer and merrier.

HOW TO AVOID A4

US study links tropical typhoons to earthquakes

SAN FRANCISCO—US researchers on Thursday said they have found evidence that tropical cyclones in Haiti and Taiwan were followed by earthquakes, suggesting that heavy rains and landslides may unleash temblors.

"Very wet rain events are the trigger," said University of Miami scientist Shimon Wdowinski, an associate research professor of marine geology and geophysics.

"The heavy rain induces thousands of landslides and severe erosion, which removes ground material from the Earth's surface, releasing the stress load and encouraging

US STUDY A4

Bicol Express back in Albay

By Mar S. Arguelles
Inquirer Southern Luzon

LEGAZPI CITY—Finally, they meet again.

The storied "Bicol Express" train has returned to the land of Mayon Volcano, five years after a supertyphoon battered the Bicol region and damaged vital bridges and stretches of railroad leading to Albay province.

The train clocked a total travel time of 12 and a half hours from Tutuban Central station in Manila to Ligao City in Albay province, in what the Philippine National Railways (PNR) called an "explorer run" that began at 10:05 p.m. on Wednesday and ended at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday.

It was the latest effort by the PNR to restore links to major urban centers in southern Luzon through the Bicol Express line, which was shut down by the devastation wrought by Typhoon "Reming" in 2006.

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WEATHER FORECAST

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Abalos bracing for arrest any time

By Nina Calleja

FORMER Commission on Elections Chair Benjamin Abalos Sr. said he has been anticipating that the Pasay Regional Trial Court might order his arrest any time and has, thus, been eating a lot lately.

Grudge

Engineered victory



ABALOS

Clouds may spoil lunar eclipse view

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Meralco has up to 2015 to complete ₱30-B refund

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Only herself to blame

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Rains shift weight

DENR bureau warns mine wastes spill threaten 2 Marinduque towns

Tapian Pit

Immigration on alert for Ongpin aide

By Jerome Aning

THE BUREAU of Immigration (BI) has issued an "immigration lookout bulletin" on Josephine Manalo, the personal secretary of businessman Roberto Ongpin and an official in the latter's various companies, but would not prevent her from leaving the country.

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Nora Tupas; 84

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The Daily Gospel

DECEMBER 10 (Saturday)

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Farmers want to occupy top corporations' Maguindanao lands

People power stops another kidnap

ZAMBOANGA CITY—People power saved three teachers from abduction by unidentified armed men in a village here, the military said yesterday.



SURVIVORS

Septic tank yields body of woman in Kalibo

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
Inquirer Visayas

Checkpoints set up vs untreated hospital wastes

"The local government…prefers that the Kalangitan landfill be closed because the company does not pay us taxes…"

'We can't even buy paracetamol…but she will survive'



INQUIRER Visayas

No more fright nights at historic plaza

By Cris Evert B. Lato
Cebu City

JERM Banal, 29, had avoided going to Plaza Independencia in Cebu City's downtown area. The historical landmark, he thought, was a dangerous place where robbers and snatchers lurked, ready to pounce on victims.



PEOPLE now frequent Plaza Independencia, a former military training and parade ground, after the historic landmark underwent renovation in October 2010.

Renovation

Name changes

Historical artifacts

Pedal power for Samar tourism

By Vicente S. Labro

JONI Abenanzo Bonifacio is said to be the first to have traveled solo on a bicycle from Mindanao all the way to Luzon. In November, he made history anew, along with five other adventurers, when they pedaled their way around Samar, the country's third largest island after Luzon and Mindanao.

PEOPLE

Samar island loop

Biking bug



JONI Abenanzo Bonifacio and five cyclists pose for posterity during their 12-day bikathon around Samar Island last November.



JONI Abenanzo Bonifacio explores the cave in Samar.

CHR: Sue gov for barging into radio station

Another labor feud looming in Clark over pay, benefits

By Jun Malig
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Among Ed return to Church still uncertain

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Israel helps N. Ecija town back on feet after typhoons

Land reform target in East Visayas: 60,000 ha

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Cagayan tagged as next site of 'Balikatan' war games

By Melvin Gascon
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Eagles arrange duel against Stags





NCAA volleyball: Letran whips Lyceum at home



Exam-burdened La Salle stakes clean slate vs FEU





Homegrown Air Force squad faces Younghusbands-led Loyola Meralco



Big Chill nails quarters

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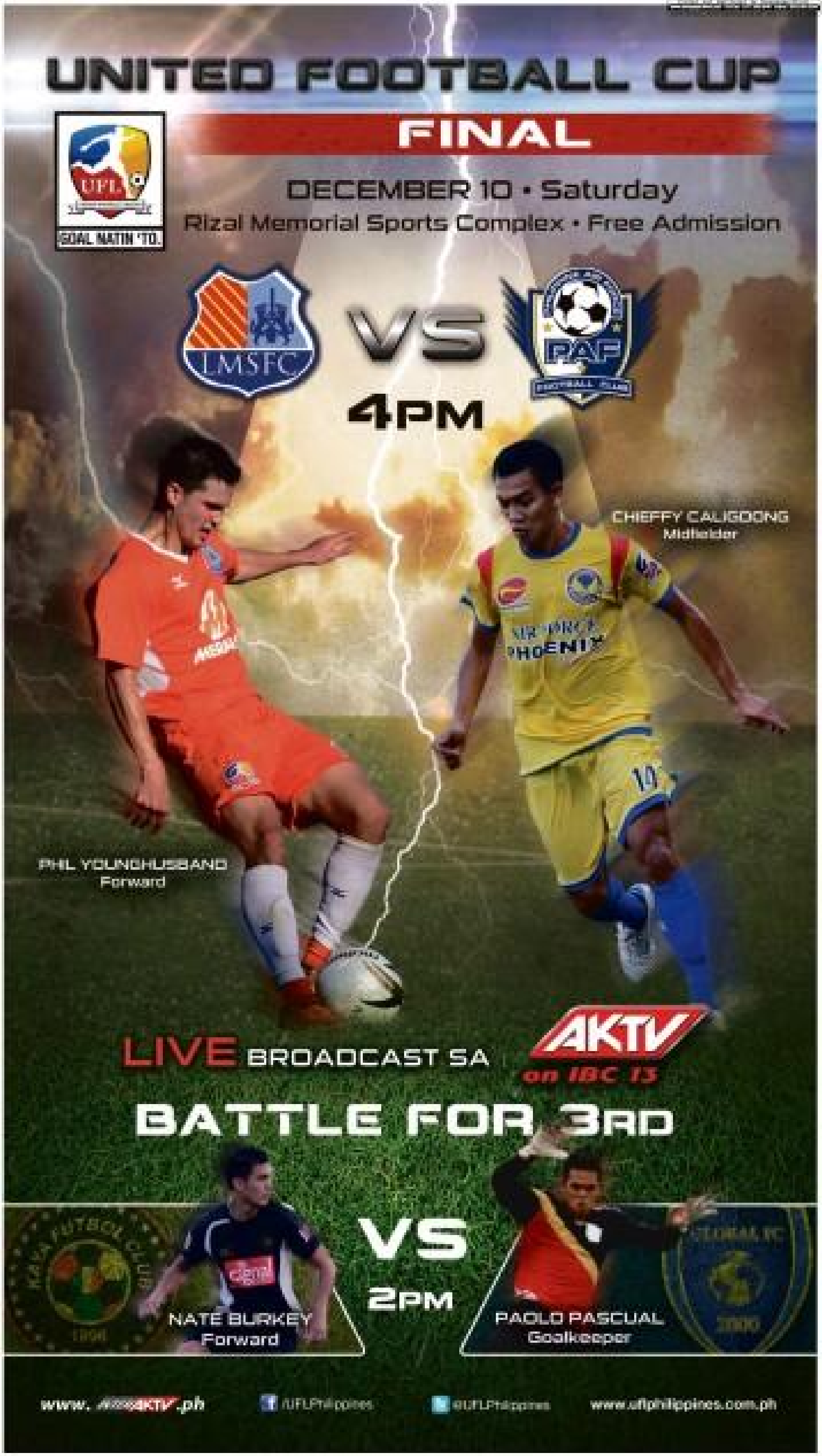
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Paul-to-Lakers trade aborted

Batang Pinoy starts; search on for future PH stars

By Marc Anthony Reyes

Ageless Bata Reyes, 56, still at it

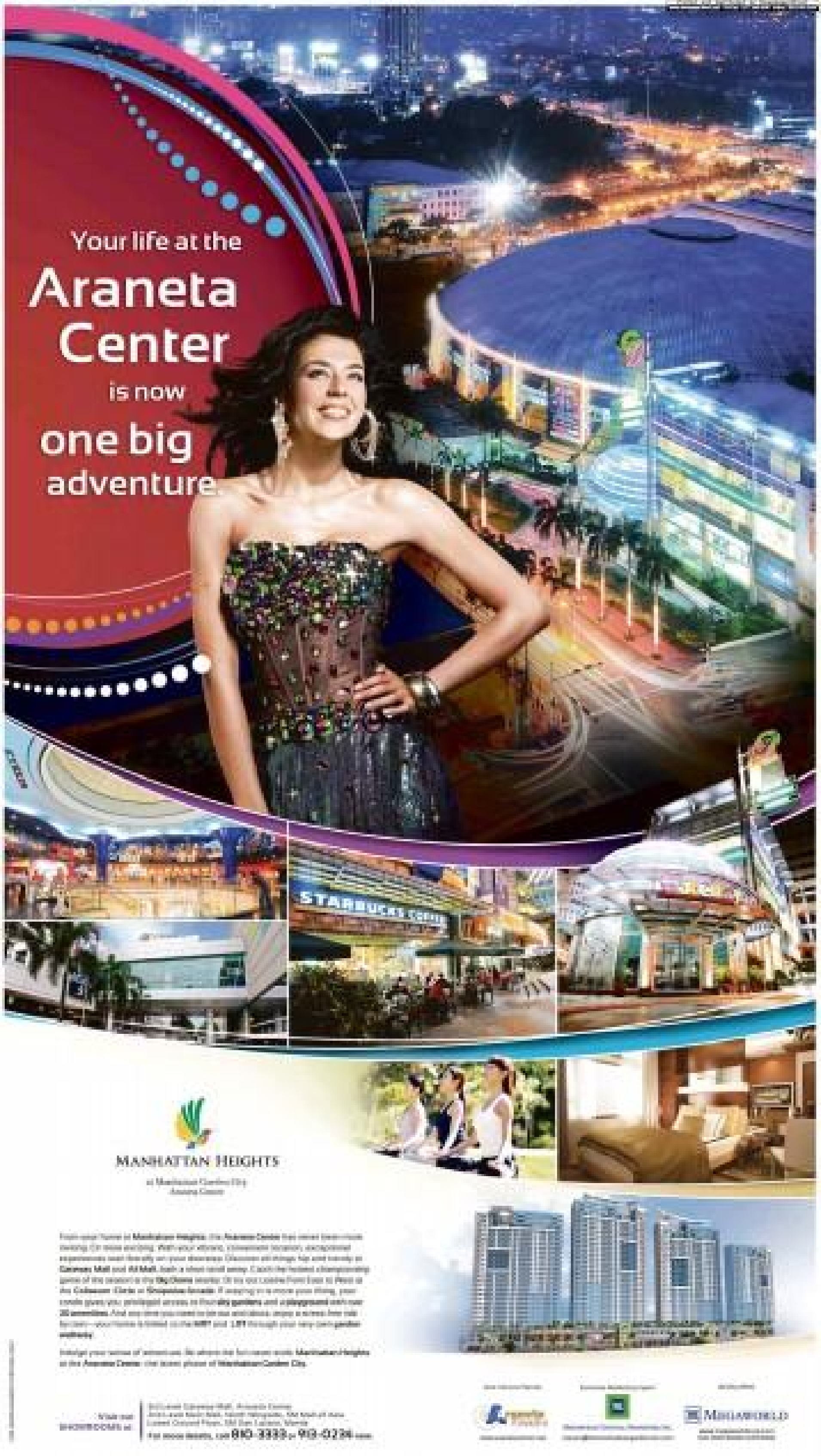
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Crackdown vs smoke belchers stepped up

DENR to deploy 10 teams to catch violators on Metro Manila roads

ENVIRONMENT authorities are spearheading a renewed crackdown on smoke belchers along the major thoroughfares of Metro Manila.

5 protesters in 'Occupy Mendiola' rally ordered released from police custody

Christmas lives in street kids' haven on Leveriza

By Jeannette I. Andrade

IF CHRISTMAS is for children, then it literally is just around the corner of Leveriza Street in Malate, Manila.

It has been so for the last 23 years when Bahay Tuluyan started sharing the spirit of love, joy and goodwill with street children in the Malate area.

With a new building, aptly colored green, Bahay Tuluyan has found a home on Leveriza to continue fostering all-year-round cheer and hope for kids of poor families, and expanded its advocacy by tapping communities to promote and protect their rights.

Richard Borgan, a member of Bahay Tuluyan's board of directors, told the Inquirer that the nongovernmental organization advocates the promotion and respect for children's rights enshrined in the United Nations charter.

Bahay Tuluyan, which used to operate out of neighboring Malate Church, was founded in 1987 in response to the growing number of street children in the Malate area.

Its temporary home also along Leveriza Street began as a drop-in center, where children could use the bathroom, rest, eat or play. As many of the children had nowhere to sleep, the center quickly developed into a temporary shelter.

New, effective ways

Looking for new and effective ways to reach out to street children, the center developed an alternative education program using what they called the "Child-to-Child Approach" by tapping participative learning and cooperative work for children.

Bahay Tuluyan relies on support from its local and foreign development partners—international NGOs, corporate partners, community organizations, academic institutions, foundations and individuals—to sustain its programs and services.

"For the outreach program, we provide games and schooling programs. When the children leave, we make sure they are more assertive when it comes to knowing their rights," Borgan said.

The Bahay Tuluyan building was inaugurated on Nov. 12. It has a crisis center that provides emergency and short-term accommodation to children in need of special protection, a drop-in center where children living or working on the streets can take a bath, play, rest, eat and access social services, and a training center for community education and income generation. Its heart is the Makabata Guesthouse and Café.

The guesthouse is managed by Chef Aldrin Manuguit Gamido who previously worked as food and beverage manager of Crown Regency Hotel.

Gamido is currently training nine out-of-school youth, aged 17 to 21, in food and resort management at the facility that targets tourists looking for affordable food and accommodations in Manila.



FROM providing temporary shelter, food and education to street children, the Bahay Tuluyan has branched out to reaching underprivileged kids to be aware of their rights.

Tesda

A tie-up with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (Tesda) is being eyed so trainees can get accreditation from the agency to increase their chances in landing long-term jobs in the future.

"We want to get these kids off the streets by making them productive so they can reach their full potential," Gamido said, adding that the project is under Bahay Tuluyan's Independent Living Skills Program (ILSP).

The ILSP was created to address the difficulties children and young people face when they leave home and become independent. It has since evolved to address the needs of community-based out-of-school youth.

Goal

The goal is to empower young people with comprehensive skills and knowledge in order for them to break out of the cycle of poverty and abuse and to live independently.

"What we are offering at Makabata Guesthouse and Café is a child-safe, wholesome environment," he said. The guesthouse has 14 rooms to accommodate visitors, including families, housed in dormitories.

Melanie Reyes, 21, of Barangay 707 Zone 78, has been training under Gamido for seven months and is among the first batch of trainees.

Melanie first heard of the organization from a friend. She started as a youth educator under the Bahay Tuluyan's mobile unit, a brightly colored jeepney-built van that visits children in different areas around Manila providing alternative education and holding street activities.

"When I heard about Bahay Tuluyan from a friend, I decided to volunteer. We went around Manila three days a week for three weeks, teaching street children to be aware of their rights. Later, I was asked if I wanted to train at the guesthouse," she said.

Under Gamido's mentorship, she developed skills in cooking, housekeeping and managing a business.

Apart from Asian Fusion cuisine, trainees like her were taught how to prepare Western-style gourmet dishes for their future American and European guests.

A high school graduate, Melanie plans to pursue a college degree in hotel and restaurant management or computer science, with Bahay Tuluyan's help.

"Before I joined Bahay Tuluyan, nobody in my neighborhood knew it existed. Now, my barangay is actively supporting the organization's activities," she said.

50,000 children

Bahay Tuluyan's new home is expected to benefit at least 50,000 children over the next decade, with the benefit anticipated to spill over to another 70,000 children, families and their communities.

The organization has two existing homes in Victoria, Laguna province, for girls and younger kids and another in San Antonio, Quezon province for the boys, where they are encouraged to go back to school.

"Going back to school makes the children more prepared for the future," said Borgan.



THE CENTER has a feeding program for young wards under its care. A guesthouse and café that serves as a laboratory for its young trainees was recently added to the facility.



CHILDREN at the center are given a chance to participate in several activities, apart from learning skills, to prepare them for the future.

P-Noy's 'aggressive' speech

On Target

Ramon Tulfo



DIRECTOR Magtanggol Gatdula of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) admits some administrative and operational lapses in the handling of Noriyo Ohara, a Japanese woman, arrested by his men for being an undocumented alien.

Ohara, 52, was in the custody of the NBI for 58 days until this column exposed her illegal arrest and detention.

She is now in the custody of the Bureau of Immigration.

Gatdula says he approves all mission orders given to NBI operatives upon the recommendation of one of his six deputy directors.

"In the case of the Security Management Division (SMD) which is the subject of your series of columns, no (mission order) was prepared and submitted to my end. In this regard, my office had no knowledge of such an operation. Neither approval nor sanction was sought from me in this particular case," said the NBI chief in a letter to this columnist.

The SMD secures the NBI premises and facilities including its jails. Its members are not allowed to go on missions because they function as security guards of the bureau.

The SMD's Mario Garcia, who has since been relieved as its chief, apparently led the operation to arrest Ohara without any authority from the NBI director.

Garcia and his assistant chief, Jose Odelon Cabillan, allegedly received an initial P6 million from Ohara's Korean family in exchange for her freedom.

They were demanding P15 million for her release, but reneged on their promise and demanded more money prompting Ohara's Korean family to seek my help.

Ohara's arrest and detention has brought shame to the country's premier law enforcement agency for its [illegible].

The Japanese woman was held for more than a month without a case being filed against her.

Besides, arresting undocumented or overstaying aliens is not the job of the NBI but of the immigration bureau.

"I categorically deny any knowledge of involvement, whatsoever, of any or all allegations of illegal activities including extortion. Meanwhile, all those named in the regrettable incident, are now the subject of an administrative probe," said the NBI chief.

Gatdula's admission of operational and administrative lapses is a positive step towards ridding the bureau of its rogue members.

He should bring the NBI back to its former glory.

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My little birdie in Malacañang told me that days before President Noy delivered his unprecedented speech at the first National Criminal Justice Summit, he went over the draft of the speech.

He reportedly threw away the draft and told the ghost writer that the speech was "too soft" and to make it more "aggressive," according to my Palace spy.

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What kind of government prosecutors do they have in Pangasinan?

Prosecutor Blogie Nino J. Orbino dismissed recently the rape cases against Adolfo Lavarias, a businessman, which was promptly approved by the acting provincial prosecutor, [illegible].

The complainants against Lavarias were his daughter-in-law and two granddaughters, aged 7 and 6.

Orbino said that the young girls' complaints were not credible because they couldn't cite the dates they were abused by their grandfather!

The Department of Justice should assign more intelligent prosecutors to Pangasinan.

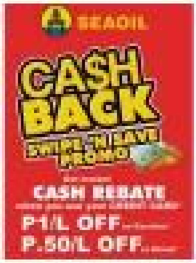
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2 suspected car thieves killed in shoot-out with Manila cops

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Holiday parcels under tight watch in ports

SEAOIL offers instant cash rebate for the holidays



Suspected middleman in Ramgen slay denies allegation

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QC birthing clinics need license to operate

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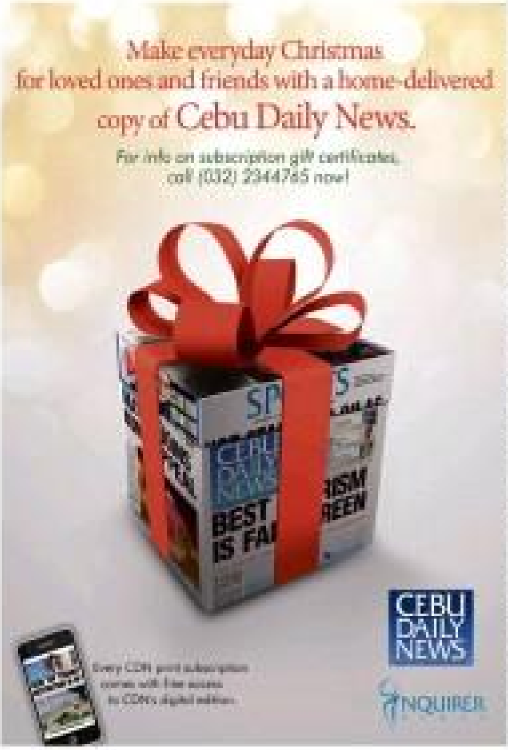


Violence revisits Virginia Tech after deadliest campus massacre



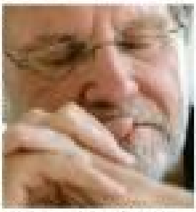
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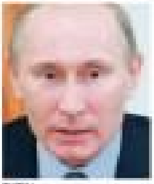




The WORLD

Putin accuses Clinton of inciting unrest

MOSCOW—Prime Minister Vladimir Putin on Thursday accused Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton of inciting unrest in Russia, as he grappled with the prospect of large-scale political protest for the first time in his more than decade-long rule.



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Iran flaunts video of captured CIA drone

Hundreds of Nasa's moon rocks missing, audit finds

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S. Korean utility eyes $1-B PH power projects

K-Water may install floating solar power system at Angat

KOREA Water Resources Corp., the leading water resources and power company in South Korea, is looking to invest as much as $1 billion in equity for various water and power projects in the Philippines over the next three years.

Specifically, K-Water is considering the installation of floating solar power systems at the Angat Dam and the construction of the Kapangan hy-

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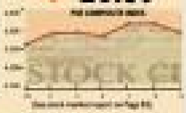
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Share prices dip

BSP marks Rizal's birthday by issuing new peso coins

ADB urges gov't to invest in transport sector

Globe secures ₱5-B loan to fund network expansion

Third tapped by telco in '11

By Paolo G. Montecillo

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I-Remit seen setting up shop in Japan

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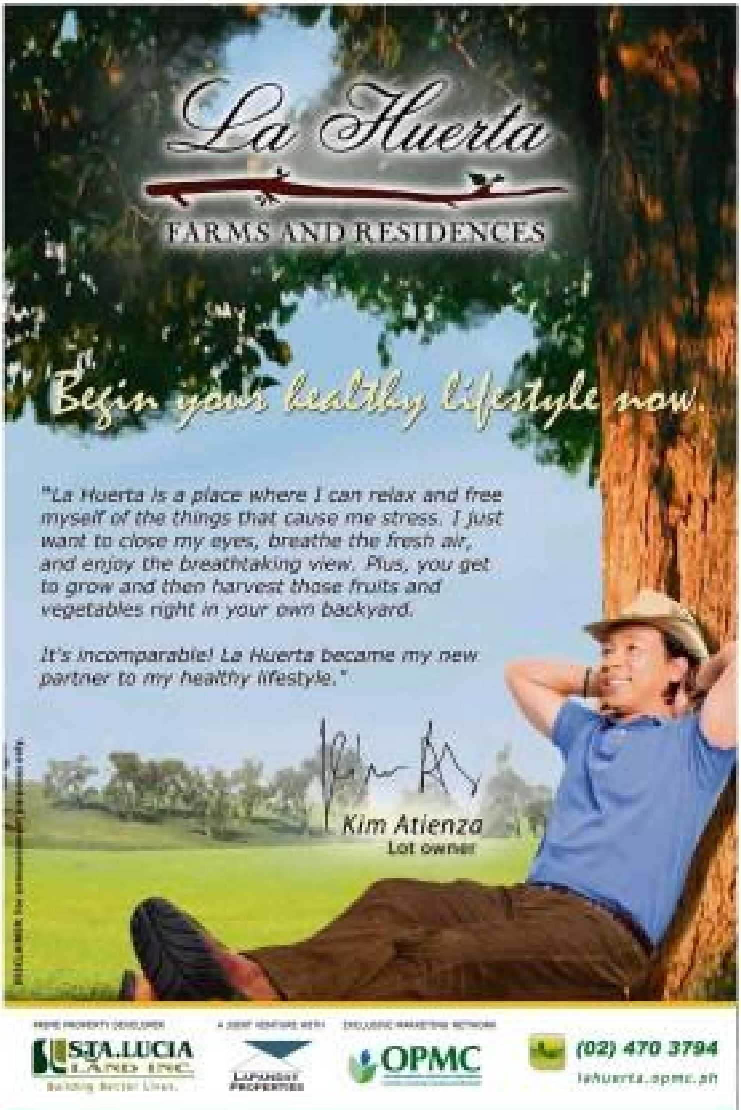
11 'hurrays!' for PH property in 2011

Sector posts promising growth with aggressive construction frenzy

DESPITE THE lower-than-expected economic growth for the Philippine economy in 2011, some sectors posted promising growth this year, particularly the property sector.

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Implications of similar biotherapeutics in clinical practice

RLC's mall-based BPO spaces available in Luzon, Mindanao

By Therese S. Santiago



ROBINSONS Cybergate Davao has 2,700 sq m of leasable office space.

2 more buildings

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Very real issues

Preliminary schemes

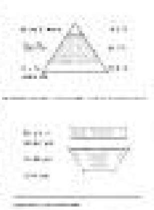
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GREEN ARCHITRENDS



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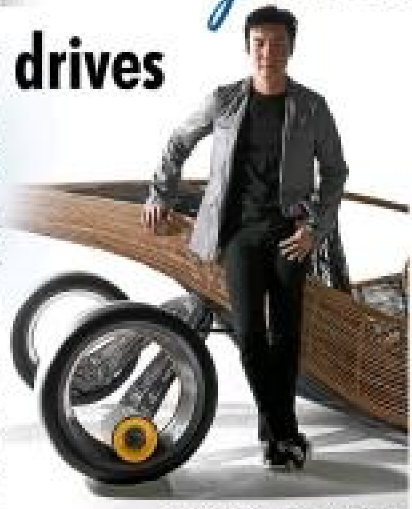






ROADTALK Saturday

What a global Pinoy drives



Salazar joins 2011 Henry Ford Awards winners



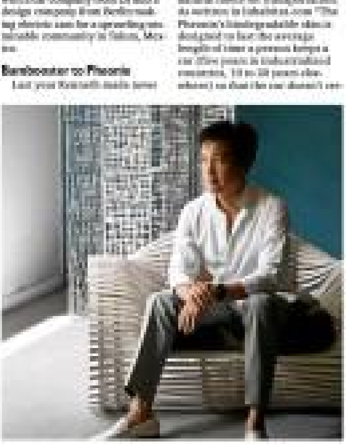
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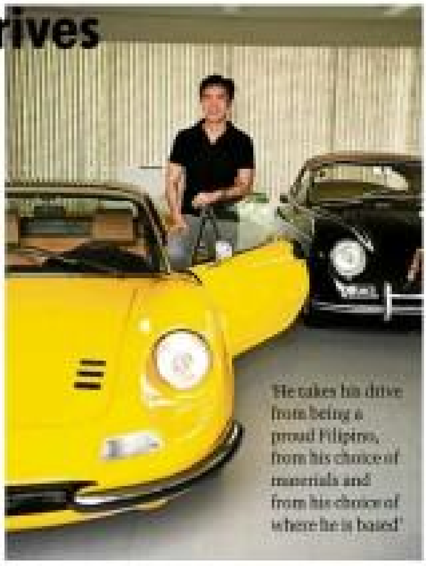


Subaru unveils new family member



What a global Pinoy drives





'He takes his drive from being a proud Filipino, from his choice of materials and from his choice of where he is based'

Promise of better, cleaner vehicles



i-MiEV inspired

Step forward







Subaru unveils new family member

Motor Image launches the Subaru XV in Motor Expo 2011

Text and photos by Alvin Uy

BANGKOK, Thailand - The last couple of weeks has been very active in the regional automotive scene. Motor Image Singapore, the region's distributor for Subaru vehicles invited members of the regional media to visit its Thailand operations to test drive the new Subaru XV model as well as its regional launch last Thursday in Thailand's Motor Expo. After a highly successful Tokyo Motor Show, where Subaru premiered its BRZ coupe, organizers of the Thailand International Motor Expo opened the doors of the Impact Challenger halls located at Muang Thong Thani, Bangkok. Due to the recent flood crisis, its organizers had lowered its initial forecast of 50,000 orders for cars predicted to be sold during the show to 25,000 units, which was last year's sales figures.



Tan (fifth from left) is joined by precision driver Russ Swift and the Subaru ladies at the XV launch in Bangkok, Thailand.

But the initial visitor crowd shows promising signs as the show drew more interest than expected, according to the chair of Inter Media Consultants, Mr. [illegible], the organizer of the show. "The 40 brands taking part in the motor expo had lowered their targets due to the floods, but right now we believe that the number could be much higher. This is due to the demand for new automobiles by customers who want to replace vehicles damaged by the inundation, while many simply need new vehicles for personal and business use," he said. With a visitor crowd expected to swell to 1.2 million by the end of the show on Dec. 12, [illegible] expects some 25 billion baht of vehicle orders will take place in the 12-day show.

Motor Image Subaru (Thailand) Co. Ltd. was established in December 1998 and by 2007, it transferred its operations to its 8,000 square meter facility for its new 3S Centre (sale of new cars, servicing and sale of parts), distributing its Subaru's full range of models. Patterned after its [illegible] Subaru showroom in Singapore, which is the brand's regional hub for South East Asia. The guests took turns in having a short test drive of this new generation crossover vehicle that included a short slalom course in the expansive facility. The attractive tangerine colored test unit redefines the new model XV that is matched with a nice set of black wheels with a floral design as if it was made for an exotic supercar. The XV was unveiled to the regional press at the Thailand International Motor Expo last Thursday afternoon by Mr. Glenn Tan, executive director of Tan Chong International (parent company of Motor Image) and Group Chief Executive of Motor Image Group.

"The XV is one of our major product launch for 2012 and we are quite confident that it will create a big impact in the Philippine market. We are looking at launching it by March 2012 but there is no selling price yet because of the volatility of the foreign exchange rate. The XV is a totally new car, we will be using a new engine and it will be

SUBARU B3-[illegible]



ROADTALK Saturday

Supplement Head Jong Arcano



THE Fun-Vii (interactive internet)

Fun to drive, again

By Jong Arcano

EVEN in the most trying times, Toyota—and Japan for that matter—showed it high-tech automotive savvy. Amid natural calamities and the global economic turbulence, Toyota made a statement in the 42nd Tokyo Motor Show staged at the Big Sight in Odaiba District in Tokyo with an array of new concepts and vehicles designed to allow drivers to return to the "fundamental joys of motoring."

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THE purely electric FT-EV III has an estimated cruising range of 105 kilometers on a full charge.



THE Prius Plug-in Hybrid

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Motorsports enthusiasts gather at Clark Speedway for TRS Raceday



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TOYOTA CITED FOR ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE

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Christmas offer for AVT GPS Navigator

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PREMIERES EVERY WEDNESDAY, 9 PM ON DISCOVERY CHANNEL

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COPS AND ROBBERS

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Discovery CHANNEL

Nissan presents vision of Zero Emission Mobility

By Jason Ang

Nissan CEO Carlos Ghosn said during his press briefing: "To date, we have sold 20,000 Nissan LEAFs, making it the best-selling electric car in history. Nissan LEAF owners have driven nearly 57 million kilometers, saved 3 million liters of fuel, which translates into 7,300 tons of CO2 that have not been emitted. In 2012, we will begin production of Nissan LEAF in the United States. By fiscal year 2016, the Renault-Nissan Alliance will have sold a cumulative 1.5 million electric vehicles."

The Zero-Emission theme was quite prevalent among the big Japanese exhibitors at this year's Tokyo Show. [illegible] electric vehicles are only as clean as their ultimate power source—the electric utility. In countries where electricity is generated mainly by coal, the electric vehicle may not be cleaner [illegible] than its gasoline counterpart. Nissan's role, though, is to provide the mobility solution, not to clean up every bit of the economy. And with the Leaf, they have taken a first, significant step.

The second limitation is infrastructure. With bad roads, floods, and limited charging stations, developing countries are not the ideal home for cars like the Leaf. Mr. Ghosn himself has admitted that the Leaf and other upcoming electric vehicles are for developed countries. Japan, the US, and UK will be the Leaf's first markets.

For the rest of us, Nissan still offers advancements in conventional gasoline and diesel powertrains. Even with more radical options like the Juke concepts and Cube compact, the X-Trail is still very much part of Nissan Japan's lineup. The Serena has evolved into a larger, sleeker family transport unit.

There's also the NV350, touted as Nissan's next-generation light commercial van. The van features up-to-date [illegible] styling, with a functional, spacious interior. The shift lever has been moved to the dashboard to free up space up front. The van features keyless push-button technology, the world's first in a commercial vehicle. Cargo area is up to 3 meters in length, and the rear seats split-fold 50:50.





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"I want to bring Nissan as high as I can"

By Jason Ang

An interview with Nissan CEO Carlos Ghosn

CARLOS Ghosn is probably the best known automobile-company CEO. In 1999, Ghosn led then-troubled Nissan Motor from a position of severe losses and massive debt. He radically changed the culture at Nissan, and the way it did its business. Within a year the company was in the black, and the company has been humming along since, with some reliable bread-and-butter models like the Sentra, X-Trail, and Urvan, and as producer of some of the world's most iconic models like the Z sports car, and the GT-R.

A little more than two years ago, Mr. Ghosn committed Nissan to being the world leader in zero emission vehicles. In current technology, that has meant electric vehicles. The Nissan Leaf has become the world's first "affordable" production electric car, and the company is set to produce more all-electric models. We attended a round-table interview with Mr. Ghosn shortly after he opened the Nissan exhibit at the Tokyo Motor Show.

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Leaf wins Car of the Year for Nissan

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NISSAN NO. 1 IN NEW VEHICLE SALES SATISFACTION

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Toyota brings business partners to the big show



FROM left, [illegible] of Toyota [illegible], TMPC executive vice president Fuji Goto, TMPC president Michinobu Sugata and Don Juan Miguel Oben of Toyota Balintawak



FROM left, [illegible]



[illegible], vice president of San Miguel Corporation, with Lexus Manila Inc. president Danny Isla

AS FAR AS Toyota Motor Philippines is concerned, there's no better way to cap the year but to spend a little time with their business partners at their "parent's home".

The 42nd Tokyo Motor Show was to be the venue.

TMPC brought dealer principals, fleet operators and members of the media to separate batches in the Japanese capital to witness another edition of the one of the world's longest running car shows.

In chilly weather, guests were made to enjoy the so-called Toyota hospitality. They flew business class via Philippine Airlines, enjoyed the comfort of staying in a five-star hotel and had fun of travelling together.

TMPC president Michinobu Sugata said that the bonding trip couldn't have come at a better time.

"I am happy to say that this motor show is a symbol of Japan's healing. It is a clear sign that this country is back on its feet and has recovered from the effects of the Great Eastern Earthquake," Sugata said in a special dinner he hosted.

Joining Sugata in attending to their special guests were TMPC executive vice president Fuji Goto, TMP vice president Rommel Gutierrez, and TMP marketing services manager Dax Arevalo as well as Lexus Manila president Danny Isla.

"In relation to this, I would like to take this opportunity to once again express my sincerest gratitude for all your support and understanding during one of Japan's most trying situations."

He said that through the Tokyo Motor Show, Toyota has showcased its latest efforts in promoting technology for the future "as part of our efforts to continuously strive to provide innovation and quality products for our customers to enjoy."



GUESTS take photos of the FT-86 coupe, one of the 17 vehicles put on display by Toyota.



SEATED from left, [illegible]. Standing from left are [illegible]





[illegible] vice president [illegible] of Jollibee and [illegible], vice president for logistics and administration of Globe Telecom Inc.

TOYOTA Financial Services president [illegible] flanked by Isla and Gutierrez.



SUGATA, Isla and Dax Arevalo with members of the Philippine media.

Editor Thelma Sioson San Juan

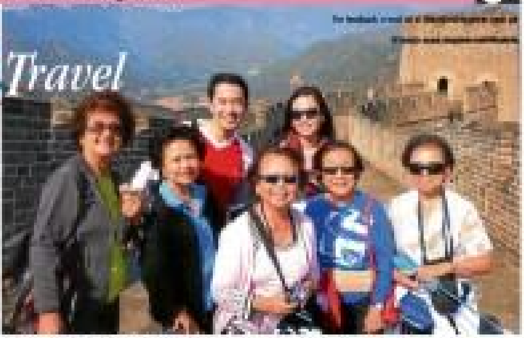
LIFESTYLE Travel

Golden girls conquer the Great Wall, backaches and all

Five sisters with ages ranging from 66-79 hold a reunion in China and had the time of their lives

By Angelita Cabag-Cruz
Contributor

REUNIONS are a dime a dozen. But for five sisters, all senior citizens with ages



GREAT WALL. (Front row) Angelita, Lourdes, Erlinda, Paulina, and Aurora; (back) Fr. Francis and Michelle



The store interior

Onitsuka Tiger opens concept store in SM Megamall

The Onitsuka Tiger concept store in the 2nd floor Building A of SM Megamall

With the new concept store, it's proof that the Onitsuka Tiger line has become one of the most sought after sports shoes in the country.



In the pursuit of perfection





TIGER SPOTTED
British Royalty, Prince William wearing Mexico 66 and Uma Thurman in her iconic Kill Bill get up wearing the Tai-Chi model are some celebrities spotted wearing the Onitsuka Tiger sneakers.

In the beginning, there was nothing, only an idea. "I believe you can build anything out of almost nothing. You just have to strive for perfection," these are the words said by Onitsuka Tiger founder, Kihachiro Onitsuka. "I was driven by the idea to give young people a perspective in life through sports." In 1949, Onitsuka Tiger was born.

More than 60 years after founder Kihachiro Onitsuka started designing his epic basketball shoe in a small shop in Kobe, Japan, Onitsuka Tiger has created stylish sports products inspired by the Japanese values of craftsmanship and attention to detail.

Brand identity

Kihachiro Onitsuka's creativity, sense of social responsibility and eye for details lives on in every Onitsuka Tiger product sold today; crafted with refined Japanese materials and traditions, assembled into original designs, and fusing the arts of the East with the distinctive urban design styles of the West.

And the brand has always honored its Japanese roots. Shoes and clothing are designed in accordance to the highest Japanese production standards and are crafted from the best materials.

Since 2002, Onitsuka Tiger has successfully blurred the boundaries between pop-culture and art. It has become the brand that understands the need to communicate from a user's perspective. That has led to numerous collaborations with artists and designers. Making the brand's an evolutionary product of creative mentality implemented by Kihachiro Onitsuka's ambition to make things better with a joyful, creative soul.





A top-selling creation

The top selling products over the years include the Mexico director, Corbidge Lo and Runspark models. The Mexico 66 model, which created a splash in the 1968 Mexico Olympics, was the first to sport the famous stripes of Onitsuka Tiger. In 2003, two reinterpreted versions came out in the market. The Mexico 66 Baja carries the famous three Victoria stripes across the forefoot. Meanwhile, the Mexico 66 Lauta model features improved design details and cushioning. Lauta comes from the word "loutashi" meaning "beautiful, attractive or pretty" in ancient Japanese.

The low-cut Runspark models is inspired by the classic track and field shoe but minus the spikes. Its design has been based on extensive research into the anatomy and structure of the foot. that is why you feel you're walking barefoot in them.



The Onitsuka Tiger Mexico 66 classic trainer by Asics is a comfortable, lightweight shoe perfect for the rigors of everyday life. Introduced in 1966, they were first shoes with the famous Tiger stripes.



ST. JOSEPH'S CATHEDRAL, TIANJIN: (Front row) Erlinda, Angelita, Michelle, Aurora, Paulina, Lourdes; (back) Ron and Fr. Francis with his altar servers



MATTEO RICCI'S TOMB, TIANJIN: Aurora, Erlinda, Angelita, Lourdes, and Paulina



FORBIDDEN CITY: Fr. Francis, Angelita and Michelle

Golden girls conquer the Great Wall, backaches and all

Beijing

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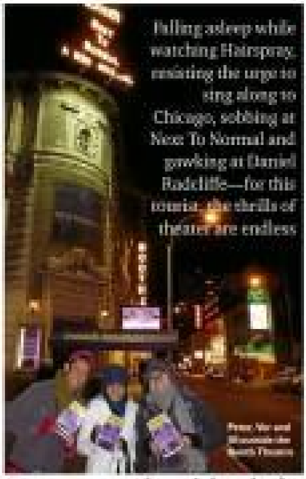


JADE BUDDHA TEMPLE:

Tianjin

LifeStyle Travel





My smart (and lucky) adventures in Broadway

By [illegible]
Photos by [illegible]

MY FIRST Broadway experience was a bit of a disaster.

After a hearty perfunctory dinner at [illegible] (white truffle pasta and tiramisu), I headed to the Neil Simon Theatre to watch Hairspray. The musical, set in the 1960s, was fun but jet lag hit me hard. I fell asleep twice—once before the intermission and once after. Whether I snored or not, I will never know.

Despite my unconsciousness, I enjoyed the show, at least the parts I stayed awake for. Shannon Durig was great as Tracy Turnblad, the plump teenager with big dreams of dancing on TV. George Wendt was hilarious, too, as Tracy's mom but my favorite was Niki [illegible] who played Tracy's best friend Penny Pingleton.

Jet lag

On my way out of the theater, I bought a DVD of the movie version and ended up playing it in my hotel room at least six times over the next few days. I couldn't get the song "You Can't Stop the Beat" out of my head for weeks.

Apparently, I am not the first person to fall asleep while watching a Broadway show because of jet lag. My friend Y, who lives in New York, took her dad to a show and they managed to annoy everyone around them because he kept snoring.

Lesson learned—Jet lag is a theatergoer's enemy.

A couple of years later, my friends and I hit Broadway again to watch "Next To Normal" at the Booth Theatre. Since I had been warned by a friend not to Google the plot, I knew nothing about the show except that it was supposed to be really good.

MY SMART D3







My smart (and lucky) adventures in Broadway







Broadway on a budget

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Explore the road less traveled in Bohol–Anda

Far from the madding crowd, Anda is an undiscovered jewel in the ecotourism crown that is Bohol





CAVE in Anda used as burial sites; (right) Anda's beaches are comparable to that of Bali, Indonesia.

Spelunking in Bohol

Naturally rugged landscapes

Tales of lore

Stone Age history

Expansive coastline



Diamond Hotel's holiday stayovers

TRAVEL BRIEFS

Sheridan's holiday packages

Mandy Navasero holds photo safari of Batanes

Airphil Express goes north





AS BEAUTIFUL AS A POSTCARD. View of Mt. Iraya from Naydi Hills, more known as "Marlboro Hills"

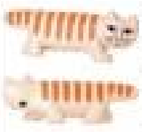
Your Super guide to giving gifts

We know, we know, it isn't easy playing Santa. Super did the hard work for you—we scoured our favorite stores online and offline to come up with a catalog of presents that will thrill even the biggest of Grinches

By Pam Pastor, Nino Mark Sablan and Tanya Fong



For the tireless traveler: 1,000 Places To See Before You Die 2nd Edition by Patricia Schultz, P[illegible], National Book Store.



For the trigger-happy cat lover: [illegible] Digital Camera, P2,700, Oh Shoot! Toy Camera Shop (www.ohshoot.us or e-mail order@ohshoot.us).

For your godchild who refuses to read: "Diary of A Wimpy Kid" boxed set, P1,285, National Book Store.

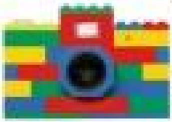


For the Steve Jobs devotee, although he might already have this: Steve Jobs Biography by Walter Isaacson, P1,275, National Book Store.



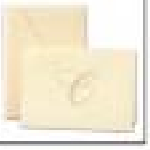
For the friend who swears she can't wear red nail polish: If this doesn't convince her, nothing will. Chanel Rouge Carat, P1,300, Rustan's The Beauty Source.





For the Lego fan whose collection is so massive you don't know which set they don't have yet: Lego Digital Camera, P4,500, Oh Shoot! Toy Camera Shop (www.ohshoot.us or e-mail order@ohshoot.us).

For the person who writes incredible letters: Crane & Co. Stationery Set, National Book Store.





For the friend who whips up the best desserts – another dose of inspiration: Momofuku Milk Bar by Christina Tosi, P1,2[illegible], National Book Store.

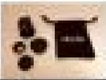








Your Super guide to givin

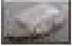
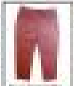








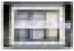






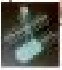










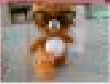

















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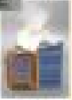














Fight the Flab, MakatiMed provides the skinny on obesity and being overweight

A perfect figure and the self-confidence that comes with it shouldn't be one's only motivation to stay fit. More than just affecting your physique, obesity or being overweight poses life-threatening problems to your overall health. Over time, this increases the likelihood of other health problems you may encounter, such as heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, musculoskeletal disorders and some cancers.

With obesity fast becoming a growing concern for adults and children alike all over the world, Makati Medical Center steps up and offers preventive tips that benefit not just your outward looks, but also your general wellbeing.

You are what you eat (and drink)

Keep a food diary. It is an effective tool that helps you determine your calorie intake per day, if too many or too few. It can also help you know if your diet is balanced, and if you are getting the right proportions of your carb-fat-protein. Learn how to read Nutrition Facts Labels, so you can compare product to product in the grocery and make the right food choices. Be cautious in interpreting labels like "no added sugar", "all natural" and "reduced fat". Get tips on eating out. Know how to choose the lesser "evil" when you do not have much to choose from when dining out.



Watch your portion sizes and servings. Do not skip meals. Avoid frequent snacking on calorie-dense food. Cut regular softdrinks, fruit juices and "wake me uppers" like frappuccinos from your diet. If you do not have fluid restrictions per day, take a glass of water before, in between and after having your meal. And if you must, substitute regular softdrinks to diet or zero calorie!



Education received from a professional nutritionist may be your best accompaniment in achieving and maintaining a healthy lifestyle!

Simple lifestyle changes make all the difference.

There's some truth to the fact that the mere presence of mouthwatering food will make you want to (and eventually) chomp away—even when you're not really hungry. Eating only when your body tells you to is a good way to prevent adding those extra pounds.

Take that extra step to watch your weight regularly. Invest in a scale for your home, and monitor your weight every week. That way, when you find out that you're beginning to put on some pounds, you can address the problem at once.

Engage in physical activities to keep yourself active—and never let a busy day become an excuse to avoid them. Simple things such as walking to work, parking the car a little bit further each time, standing occasionally or walking back and forth while on the phone for a prolonged period of time, walking the dog, or taking the stairs instead of the elevator can actually help you stay fit. Anything is better than nothing! But, of course, throwing in intentional forms of exercise, such as going to the gym or taking up dance classes, all the more improves and maintains your fitness level. Follow an exercise routine that is suitable for you.

By applying the necessary changes in your daily routine and leading an active lifestyle, overweight and obesity can be prevented. "The road to fitness is not as daunting as some people perceive it to be. Take it one day at a time. Set yourself some measurable and realistic goals. Discipline yourself to work towards these achievable goals incrementally, and you will experience gradual yet healthy weight loss that looks and feels great."



Super LifeStyle



A crazy little Christmas gift for Mario Maurer fans

By Angela F. Ignacio
Contributor

YOU'RE still probably nursing a hangover from seeing Mario Maurer in the flesh not too long ago. Hey, we can't blame you. The Thai superstar and Penshoppe's newest poster boy had caused such a ruckus during his first Manila visit that we've prepared a special holiday treat for diehard fans everywhere.

Because we know you love him (we do, too!), Super had played "Gossip Girl" and stalked the heartthrob all over the metro during his crazy 5-day stay just to give you this exclusive scrapbook, full of juicy tidbits and behind-the-scenes photos. Think of it as an early Christmas present and a "refresher course" in preparation for his second visit next week. Enjoy!

Mario arrives!

The Thai has landed! Mario gave a heart-stopping gift for his Filipino fans, clad in Penshoppe duds from head to toe. The baby-faced actor/model (who just turned 23 last week) is the brand's latest endorser, hot on the heels of his eye-candy predecessor, "Gossip Girl" star Ed Westwick. He spent almost a week getting to know the country and his fans, even nabbing a movie deal with ABS-CBN. Yes, that means you'll be seeing him around again next year.

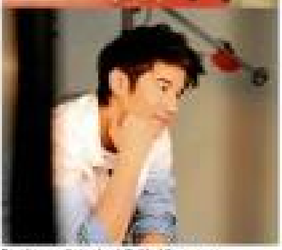


At the BonChon B Terrace opening

Before inking his movie deal with Kristn Graneida at the ABS-CBN studios, Mario stopped by the grand opening of BonChon's newest branch at B Terrace along Tomas Morato in Quezon City with Pan-Asian girl band Blush. All hell broke loose as hordes of fans followed Mario all the way to B Terrace and back; some members of the media reportedly even took their colleagues' don't just to gain access. All for the love of Mario's superstar.



PENSHOPPE ROYALTY: Mario, Bernie and ..., and brand ...



Penshoppe photo shoot: Behind the scenes

While Mario was busy posing for his Penshoppe campaign at the photo shoot, Super was in a swoon. Interestingly, the behind-the-scenes photos are just as swoon-worthy as the ads themselves. With a subject like Mario, what can we say, guys?

A complete directory of the country's best establishments

Where to Stop Where to Go

Holiday festivities at Makati Shangri-La

Hyatt goes on a Christmas culinary adventure

Celebrate 30 days of Christmas at Lancaster

Christmas festivities at Pan Pacific Manila



Sweet treats this Christmas at Naci

Going, going, gone at Marriott's Bid and Build

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From page F1

At the fan conference in PICC

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Mario's shopping spree

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At the Philippine Fashion Week

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5 'aww-inducing' facts about Mario

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Super LifeStyle

Gifts that give back

By Tatin Yang, Mina Mark Saldeo and Pam Pastor

THIS Christmas, funnel your Christmas budget into brands whose products support a cause dear to your heart.

Some brands ranging from jewelry, skincare, makeup and apparel have wisely turned their fashion into a source of goodwill by turning products into fund-raising avenues for charitable organizations.

Check out these holiday gifts that lets you support causes while gifting.



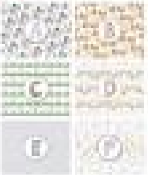
JEFF KOONS FOR KIEHL'S
Kiehl's collaboration with renowned artist Jeff Koons turns the brand's body moisturizer with a cult following, Creme de Corps, into a force of good by donating a chunk of the proceeds of each purchase to the International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children.



TOMS
For every pair of footwear you purchase, TOMS will give a pair of shoes to a child in need. Available at Rustan's, Shoe Salon, Adora and Nothing But H2O.



MESSY BESSY PRODUCTS
Messy Bessy's products are nontoxic, biodegradable and therefore good for the planet. Our favorites are the Disinfectant Access Spray and Lavender Linen Spray. Available at Rustan's Supermarkets and Beauty Bar.



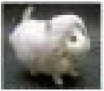
Gifts that give back



More Super gifts

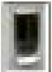


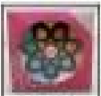








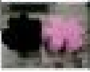












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What's your Christmas wish?

Gift-shopping online

Our online favorites



The store interior

Onitsuka Tiger opens concept store in SM Megamall

The Onitsuka Tiger concept store in the 2nd floor Building A of SM Megamall

With the new concept store, its proof that the Onitsuka Tiger line has become one of the most sought after sports shoes in the country.



In the pursuit of perfection





TIGER SPOTTED
British Royalty, Prince William wearing Mexico 66 and Uma Thurman in her iconic Kill Bill get-up wearing the Tai-Chi model are some celebrities spotted wearing the Onitsuka Tiger sneakers.



In the beginning, there was nothing, only an idea. "I believe you can build anything out of almost nothing. You just have to strive for perfection." these are the words said by Onitsuka Tiger founder, Kihachiro Onitsuka. "I was driven by the idea to give young people a perspective in life through sports." In 1949, Onitsuka Tiger was born.

More than 60 years after founder Kihachiro Onitsuka started designing his epic basketball shoe in a small shop in Kobe, Japan, Onitsuka Tiger has created stylish sports products inspired by the Japanese values of craftsmanship and attention to detail.

Brand identity

Kihachiro Onitsuka's creativity, sense of social responsibility and eye for details lives on in every Onitsuka Tiger product sold today; crafted with refined Japanese materials and traditions, assembled into original designs, and fusing the arts of the East with the seductive urban design styles of the West.

And the brand has always favored its Japanese roots. Shoes and clothing are designed in accordance to the highest Japanese production standards and are crafted from the best materials.

Since 2002, Onitsuka Tiger has successfully blurred the boundaries between pop-culture and art. It has become the brand that understands the need to communicate from a user's perspective. That has led to numerous collaborations with artists and designers. Making the brand's an evolutionary product of creative mentality implemented by Kihachiro Onitsuka's ambition to make things better with a joyful, creative soul.



A top-selling creation

The top selling products over the years include the Mexico 66 line, Coolidge Lo and Rumspark models. The Mexico 66 model, which created a splash in the 1968 Mexico Olympics, was the first to sport the famous stripes of Onitsuka Tiger. In 2003, two reinterpreted versions came out in the market. The Mexico 66 Baja carries the famous three Velcro straps across the forefoot. Meantime, the Mexico 66 Lauta model features improved design details and cushioning. Lauta comes from the word "laulauta" meaning "beautiful, attractive or pretty" in ancient Japanese.

The low-cut Rumspark model is inspired by the classic track and field shoe but misses the spikes. Its design has been based on extensive research into the anatomy and structure of the foot. that is why you feel you're walking barefoot in them.

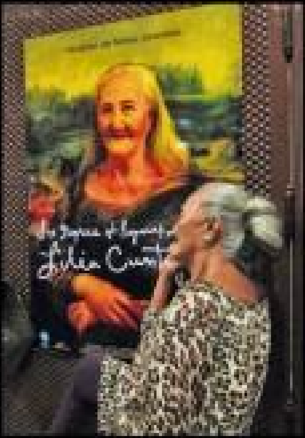


The Onitsuka Tiger Mexico 66 classic trainer by Asics is a comfortable, lightweight shoe perfect for the rigors of everyday life. Introduced in 1966, they were first shoes with the famous Tiger stripes.

Super LifeStyle

Who is Lilia Cuntapay?

MAMA SAYS MERCY
Mara Coson



'Hindi siya parang 'aswang', e,' Gallaga says about Nanay Lilia of the time he first saw her. 'Aswang siya'

SUPER EXCLUSIVE

Where will you be on New Year's Eve?

Lea Michele, Hilary Swank, and Jon Bon Jovi talk about their movie, their roles, and what they love about New Year's Eve

Lea Michele



HOT ON THE HEELS of the hit movie Valentine's Day, director Garry Marshall has gathered another ensemble cast for the upcoming New Year's Eve.

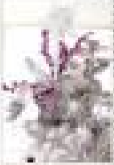
Hilary Swank







Dawn Zulueta bags the *holiday spirit*









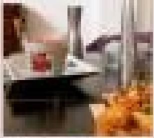




A holiday abode





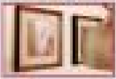








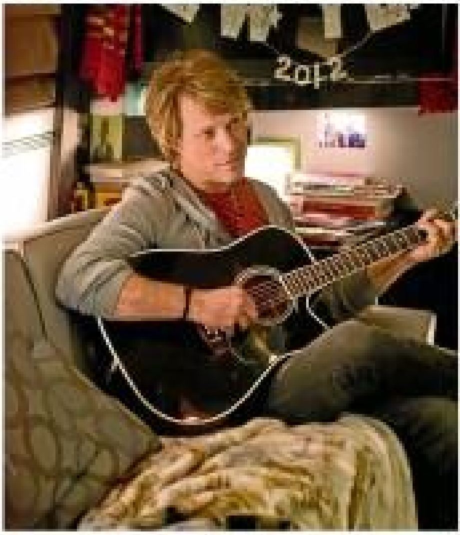






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JON BON JOVI

Love at first shoot: BJ Pascual and Pauline Prieto



Rock the Riles 2011



Saturday Special



No more tears for Jolina Magdangal



MAGDANGAL: Basks in the glow of marital bliss.

Good time

Bingo

Myke Salomon is a jack of all trades



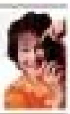
The best and worst of times





Romancing the stone

STREET SMART



Train clicks with Manila crowd



No more tears . . .



'Rango,' 'Rio,' 'Puss,' 'Tintin' earn Annie nods









Alexander Payne dishes on 'The Descendants'



PAYNE: Oscar buzz for his latest film.

Appeal

Jokes

Negative effects of inappropriate televiewing merit parental concern

Full-time job

Social interaction

'Tintin' is a rollicking romp . . .

'Tintin' is a rollicking romp from start to finish

By Nestor U. Torre

STEVEN SPIELBERG'S latest film, "The Adventures of Tintin," is a delightful and sometimes even rapturous viewing experience—on different levels. At its most basic, it's an exciting adventure yarn based on the famous French comics tales penned by Belgian artist, Georges Rémi.

Employing motion capture techniques, it conjures a briskly told story about young police reporter and crimebuster, Tintin, and how he and his sidekick pup, Snowy, foil a master criminal's plot to get his hands on a fortune in sunken jewels and gold bullion. The caper takes them all over the globe, and on all sorts of crafts on sea, land and air, so it's a rollicking romp from start to finish.

But, the movie's entertainment value isn't its best suit. To our mind, "Tintin" isn't "only" an animated romp for children, it's also quite often a sophisticated and proudly creative production that ranks among Spielberg's best.

The master filmmaker creates a period look and feel that enhances the story's nostalgic effect on viewers. He lines up a cast of lead and supporting characters who are delectably idiosyncratic, like two lookalike Interpol agents with bulbous noses, who are hugely droll and entertaining due to their colossal incompetence.

Legitimate heir

Also memorably delineated is the ship captain who is the legitimate heir to the sunken treasure, but a [illegible] due to his terrible drinking problem, and the foreign, grandfatherly gent who turns out to be an inveterate kleptomaniac, addicted to filching the wallets of hundreds of clueless victims—including Tintin himself, who has on the all-important secret instructions he needs to locate the treasure!

Yes, Spielberg makes sure that all of these colorful and vastly entertaining characters don't steal the scene from the movie's legitimate leads—Tintin and his perky pet and sidekick, Snowy. Indeed, it's Snowy who is so lively and clever and frisky that he sometimes upstages his more cerebral master—but, with Tintin's doting consent!

Aside from its ensemble of memorable characters, "The Adventures of Tintin" amuses because it makes it a point to give a number of them a thematically important "character arc," like the drunken ship captain who finally comes into his forebears' heroic [illegible].

Action scenes

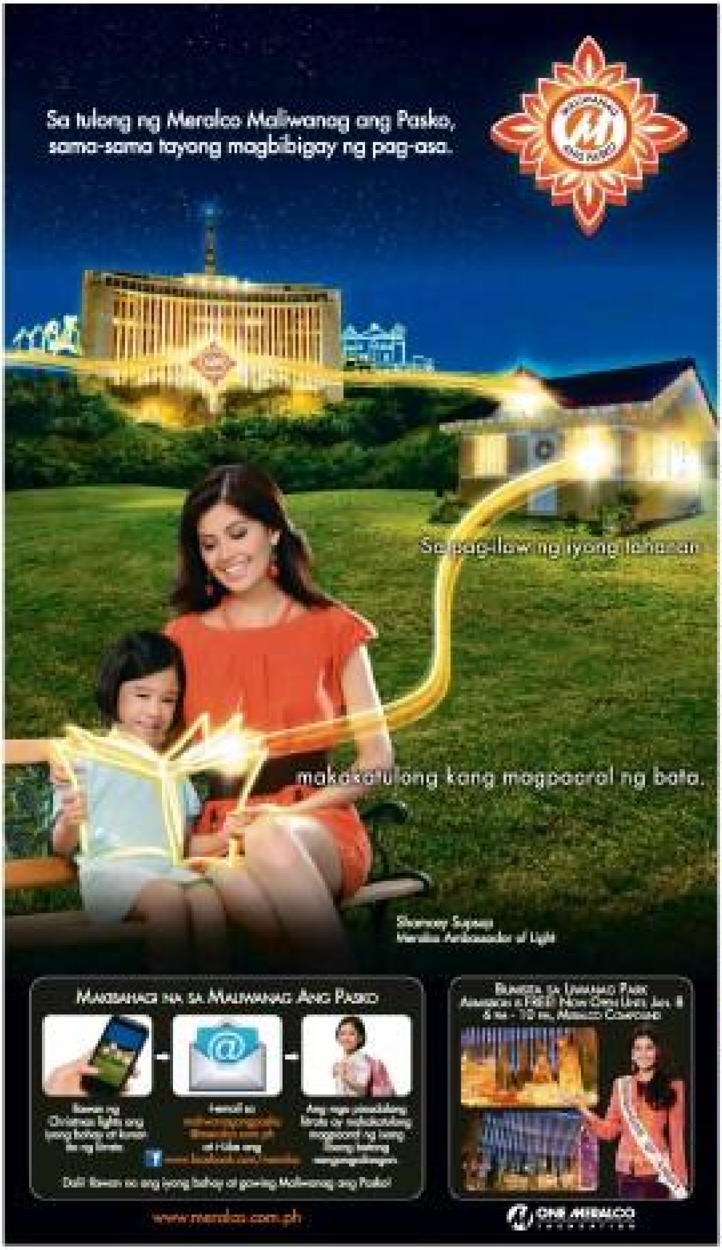
Best of all, Spielberg infuses his movie's chase and action scenes with more than just the standard physical and visual flourishes and feats of derring-do.

His action scenes are brilliantly conceived and excitingly executed, with an

TINTIN B



TINTIN and his perky pup, Snowy, make a great team of master sleuths.



FANS' DAY

'Suggestive' newscast scored

By Andy Bais

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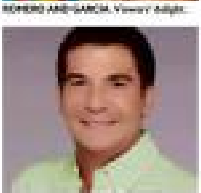
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ROMERO AND GARCIA. Viewers' delight.



MANZANO. Has found a new 'home.'

SATURDAY Special

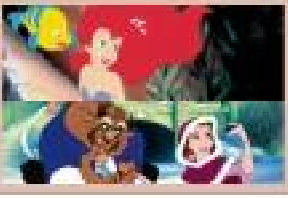


More heart-warming carols from 'Glee'





Disney to rerelease 4 more classics in 3D



NOW SHOWING

Fresh starts and second chances in all-star rom-com







Innovative shorts add excitement to indie scene



'Hugo' is me, Scorsese says of new film







The poor devotee's visit

Lotus Pond

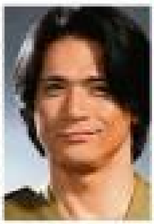
Docu shows emotional ride for Pearl Jam



PEARL JAM. Like to fly under the radar.

'Todo Max' is occasionally diverting

By Nestor U. Torre



PADILLA. Plays a funny nerd for a change.

Morgan Freeman to be feted at Golden Globes

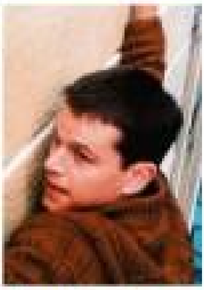


FREEMAN. Lifetime Achievement awardee.

'Todo Max' . . .

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"HACHIKO" (LEFT) AND "THE BOURNE IDENTITY." Will be shown on HBO

Spreading Yuletide cheer

MONTAGE

'Joyful Jazz'

Noel Bazaar 2



SALENTES.

Movies on TV

'Kitchen Masters'

Flawless forever

Dinosaurs, the human mind on Disney's Pixar slate

Fairy tale



Docu shows emotional ride for Pearl Jam

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Major ingredient

AP

SATURDAY Special

Dunst, Willis, Sarandon are Sundance-bound



Geriatric comedy



The treat soon turns to tedium

Cinematic adventures gave wings to my imagination



Afternoon treks

Dunst, Willis . . .

The treat soon turns to tedium

Feelings

Plus points

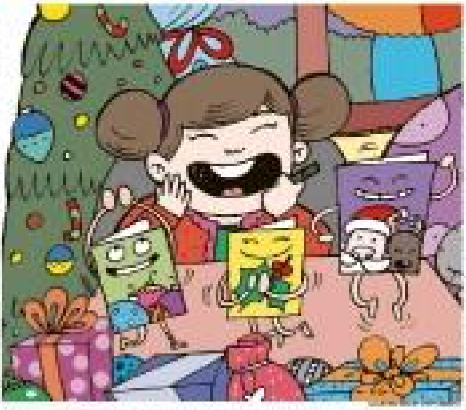
The Christmas cards nobody wanted

Very generous

Dec. 24

YULETIDE STORY FOR YOUNG READERS

The Christmas cards nobody wanted



Different sizes

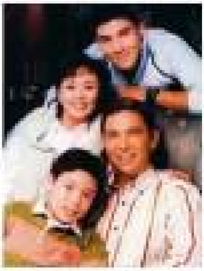
'Big Sale'

SATURDAY Special





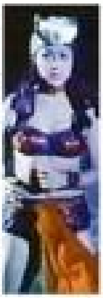
Risk-taking keeps Vilma Santos on her toes



Sacrifices

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Luis' girlfriends

Pia Hontiveros switches off her microphone—for now

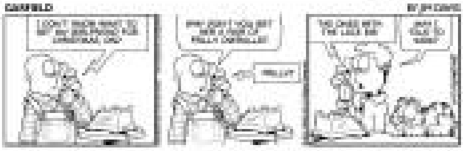
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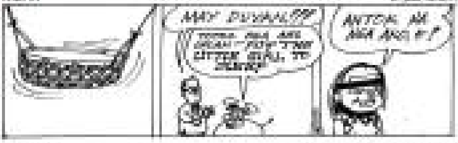
Farewell telecast



Observation

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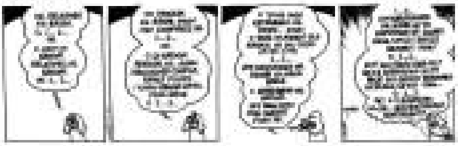


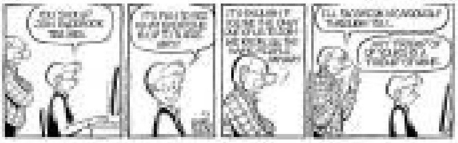






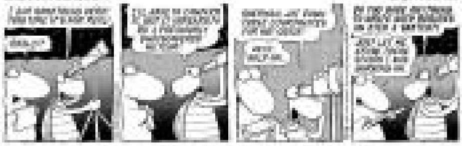


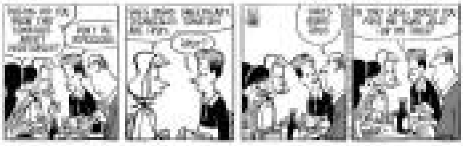




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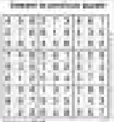






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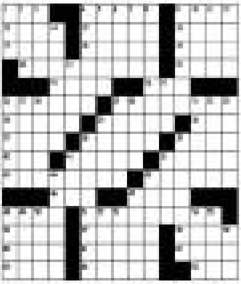


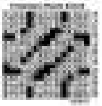
Conceptis Sudoku — By Dave Green

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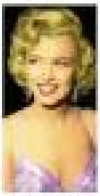
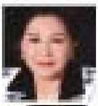
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Crime, notoriety corrode celebs' stellar glow


MONROE, BLANCA AND REVILLA
Controversial cases.

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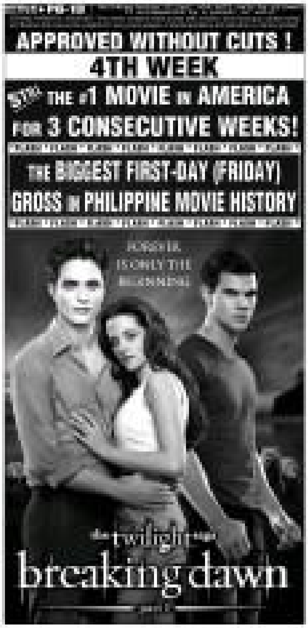




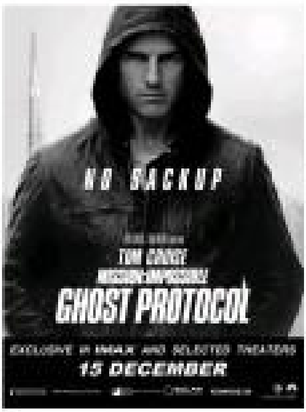














Meet the director behind surprise Best Picture contender





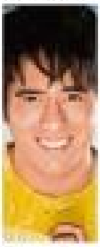


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ANNOUNCEMENT

NGCP Issues Consultation Draft for 2011 Transmission Development Plan

In preparation for the series of public consultation meetings, the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP), a private corporation responsible for the operation, maintenance and centralized planning of the nationwide transmission system, has issued the consultation draft for the 2011 Transmission Development Plan (TDP).

The consultation draft outlines the ongoing and future projects for the construction, management, improvement, expansion, operation, maintenance, rehabilitation and repair of the transmission network within a 10 year period.

Part of the TDP will be allotted to the major network capital expenditures (CAPEX) projects for the Third Regulatory Period (2011-2015).

The consultation draft and schedule of the public consultation meetings are available at http://www.ngcp.ph. Please email comments to comments_tdp@ngcp.ph.

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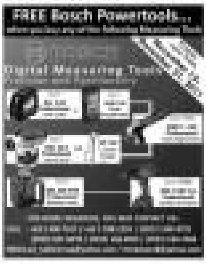
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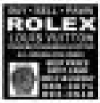
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DOT prepares special X'mas event for homecoming Pinoys

THE TOURISM Promotions Board (TPB) of the Department of Tourism is preparing a special Christmas event that will honor and entertain the balikbayans, or the homecoming foreign-based Filipinos.

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NREA sets X'mas gift-giving to Pampanga Aetas on Dec. 17

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INSULAR: THE CENTURY PAST, A CENTURY FORWARD

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SEAOIL offers instant cash rebate for fuel purchases during the holidays

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P&A Business Forum gathers key financial leaders and CEOs

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OBITUARIES

LOURDES DEL ROSARIO PEREZ

passed away in the Grace of our Lord on December 7, 2011 at the age of 98.

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Interment schedule will be announced later.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." - 2 Timothy 4

R.I.P.

SR. EDITHA M. NONO, OP

went home to the Father on December 8, 2011

at the age of 75 and 45 years of religious profession in the Congregation of the Dominican Sisters of St. Catherine of Siena.

Her remains lie in state at [illegible] Sta. Catalina Convent – Siena Chapel, #127 Sta. Catalina St., corner Blue [illegible], Quezon City.

The funeral mass will be held on December 10, 2011 (today) at 9:00 in the morning and interment will follow at the Garden of Resurrection, Siena Heights, San Jose del Monte City, Bulacan.

MODESTO DOMINGO ALBANO, SR.

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